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OSHPD Wins Sacramento Workplace Excellence Leader (SWEL) Award

On April 5, 2006, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) was the proud recipient of the SWEL award presented by the Sacramento Area Human Resources Association (SAHRA).

SAHRA, in partnership with The Sacramento Bee Newspaper, hosted the fourth annual SWEL awards program at the Sheraton Hotel. OSHPD received an award in recognition of being the best medium range (200-500 employees) Government Agency to work for in 2006.

Over 100 nominees were entered in the three competing categories: Government Agency-Public Sector, Not For Profit, and Profit.

OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle happily accepted the award and spoke of the Department's core values and his efforts in supporting a positive working environment. Although Dr. Carlisle had the pleasure of accepting the award for OSHPD, he did so "on behalf of all of OSHPD's wonderful staff. This award reflects their hard work, dedication and commitment to their specific assignments, as well as to OSHPD itself."

New AHIMA Delegate

Please join OSHPD's Patient Data Section in congratulating Ginger Cox as one of the elected delegates to represent California at the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) . She was elected by the California Health Information Association (CHIA) members. She will represent California at the AHIMA House of Delegates for the next two years, 2006-2008.

2006 California Health Information Association's (CHIA) Professional Achievement Award

Starla Ledbetter is the 2006 recipient of the California Health Information Association's (CHIA) Professional Achievement Award! This award was presented to Starla in June at the 2006 State Convention.

CHIA has a long and cherished tradition of honoring the excellence, dedication, and service of those professionals whose steadfast efforts have improved the health information management (HIM) field. The CHIA Recognition Awards are California-based in scope, recognizing those who make a difference in the HIM profession. CHIA developed the Recognition Awards as part of its commitment to encourage, nurture, and celebrate exceptional volunteer and professional leadership. The CHIA Recognition Awards honor exemplary service and recognize contributions that build a knowledge base, recognize excellence in preparing future HIM professionals, and encourage new talent and leadership.

Excellent letters of support for Starla were submitted from David Carlisle, M.D, Ph.D. of OSHPD, Anna Orlova, Ph.D, of Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC), Denise Love, R.N., M.B.A. of National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO), and Vickie Ellis, RHIT, CHP, President of Sacramento Valley Health Information Association (SVHIA). All of these individuals and their boards are very impressed with her professionalism and her commitment to public health services.

This professional achievement award is a true reflection on Starla Ledbetter's project management and HIM expertise in leading the successful implementation of OSHPD's MIRCal system for patient level data collection.

Please join OSHPD's Patient Data Section in congratulating Starla!!!!

Regulation Package
45 Day Public Comment Period
July 21 – September 4, 2006

A regulation change package has been posted on the MIRCal web site for the formal 45-day public comment period. Comments will be accepted until 5:00pm on September 4, 2006. Below is an overview of the contents:

- Updating the Definition of Disposition of Patient text to conform with the updated 837 Health Care Claim (Section 97264).

- Adding the online No Data to Report form (Section 97240).

- Setting the ASC special assessment fee at 50 cents per encounter (Sections 90417 and 97266).

- Closing MIRCal to data submissions 60 days after the prescribed due date (Section 97250).

- Clarifying when E-Codes should be reported (Sections 97227, 97260 and 97261)

- Eliminating the requirement to provide a reason for the use of extension days (Section 97241)

Keep Your Contact Info Current

Primary contacts and User Account Administrators (UAA) should verify that their facility's contact information is current each reporting period. Staffing changes along with email and phone number changes should be updated immediately to ensure your facility is receiving important notices. Regulations state that changes to the primary contact person should be made within 15 days of the change. Contact your UAA or your assigned MIRCal analyst for help in updating contact information.

Please see the Security Tips for methods for keeping your MIRCal logon information secure:

http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/MIRCal/Security/SecurityTips.pdf
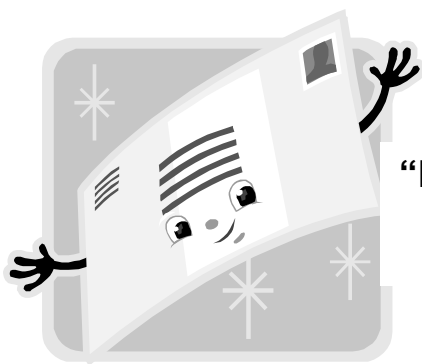
New Coding Edit Manual, 8th Edition

The ICD-9-CM Coding Edit Manual, 8th Edition, is available in draft form on our Resources page at:

http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/MIRCal/resources.htm

The term "draft" is used until references from *Coding Clinic for ICD-9-CM* and *AHA ICD-9-CM Coding Handbook* are updated. The manual is otherwise complete and should be used when correcting your January – June 2006 coding edits on inpatient discharge records.

Revised Non-Critical SW11 Edit Flag

The SW11 non-critical flag identifies a Charge per Day of less than $100 or more than $40,000. (Total Charges divided by Length of Stay equals Charge per Day). The logic has been revised to exclude "No Charge" records. When there are no charges (no bill generated) for the hospital stay, $1 is to be reported as the Total Charges and 09 0 0000 (Other Payer) as the Expected Source of Payment (ESOP). Records with this combination are *excluded* from the SW11 edit logic. If Total Charges are reported as $1, but the ESOP is not Other Payer, then the record will receive an SW11 flag.

"Dear MIRCal"

Dear MIRCal: *What do we need to do if we don't have the data type, care or services OSHPD is asking us to report?*

MIRCal Response: OSHPD uses facility license information for determining what data type, care and services are to be reported. If OSHPD's license information is not current or accurate, provide OSHPD with a copy of the license or official Department of Health Services (DHS) documentation which notes license changes and effective dates.

If the data type is a part of your license but was not in use during the report period, the facility will need to submit a "No Data to Report" certification. This can be submitted online in MIRCal or by faxing your OSHPD analyst the completed form, which can be found on the MIRCal Resources web page.

If the type of care/service is still part of the license but was not in use during the report period, send an email justification to your OSHPD analyst explaining the situation.

Dear MIRCal: *Who is responsible for reporting the E-code if a patient was first diagnosed or treated out-of-state or out-of-country?*

MIRCal Response: An E-code is to be reported on the record for the first California episode of (Inpatient, Emergency Department or Ambulatory Surgery) care reportable to MIRCal or OSHPD during which the injury, poisoning, and/or adverse effect was diagnosed and/or treated. Facilities outside of California are not required to follow California mandates.

Dear MIRCal: *When can I submit my saved manually entered records for an early report period? [Note: early report period refers to a report period for which the end date has not yet occurred.]*

MIRCal Response: The submission function in MIRCal is disabled for all users until after an entire report period has concluded. Data can be submitted after the end of a report period. For example: Records manually entered and saved in MIRCal on 4/18/06 for the April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006 report period can usually be submitted on or after July 1, 2006. [Please note that MIRCal is not available on Saturdays due to system maintenance.]

Dear MIRCal: *If I file an extension request for 14 days but use only 4 days, will the balance of extension days be carried over to the next report period?*

MIRCal Response: There are a maximum of 14 extension days available each report period for each data type. Unused extension days are not carried over into the next report period.

Dear MIRCal: *I corrected my ED and AS reports and passed my Standard Edits but why is my report not Below ETL?*

MIRCal Response: Your report is not Below ETL because you may have failed the Trend Edit Program.

How do you know if your data failed the Trend Edit Program? You will need to review the Main Error Summary. The Main Error Summary will display either "Pass" or "Fail" for the Trend Edit Program.

If your data failed, you will need to review the "Trend Edit Summary Report". This report can also be found in the Error Reports. If your data are correct as submitted, send an email justification explaining the reason to your OSHPD analyst for review.

For more information on the Trend Edit Program, please refer to the "ED & AS Edit Flag Description Guide," which can be found on the MIRCal web site, www.oshpd.ca.gov/MIRCal/resources.htm.

If you have any questions or comments, you can send them to "Dear MIRCal" at mircal@oshpd.ca.gov

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** IMPORTANT DATES **

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**California Ambulatory Surgery Association
   (CASA) Annual Convention:**

September 20-22, 2006 – Irvine, CA

* Updated Report Periods & Due Dates Calendar for IP, ED & AS can be found on the MIRCal web site:

www.oshpd.ca.gov/mircal/resources.htm

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